

***Written Testimony Submitted to the Legislative Program Review and  
Investigations Committee***

***HB 6514, AA Implementing the Recommendations of the Program Review  
and Investigations Committee Concerning Medicaid Payment Integrity***

***Roderick L. Bremby, Commissioner***

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The Department of Social Services (DSS) appreciates the intent behind this bill and agrees that an annual report of the various program integrity activities undertaken by the department and our partners would be useful and informative. However, there are several reasons why the department cannot support HB 6514 as it is currently written.

At this time, the department does not have in place the necessary technological tools to create reports meeting the highly specific criteria set forth in the bill. Data collection and reporting mechanisms would need to be developed and implemented before we could accurately report the data as specified in the bill. We believe that the first report we could realistically produce would be by January 1, 2015 for FY 2014.

Should the bill move forward, we also would also ask Program Review members and staff work with the department to hone the data elements that are required. Even with the proper reporting mechanisms in place, the specificity and volume of data elements required may pose challenges.

We also note that the bill necessitates collaboration with our partner agencies, the Office of the Attorney General and the Division of Criminal Justice. We cannot speak to the technological or other capability of those entities to report on the data as specified in the bill.

We appreciate the tremendous effort undertaken by committee staff in their study of Medicaid program integrity activities at DSS and our partner agencies. We welcome the opportunity to continue to work with committee staff and members to craft language that meets the needs and addresses the concerns of all parties involved.